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Sir:

Applicants respectfully requests notification as to the status of the above-identified application. This application was filed on October 31, 2003. No action has been forthcoming from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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